

Addendum to March 6, 2012 SEAP Minutes

Questions asked during "Common Core Standards/Assessment" agenda item

Dr. Turner: The content frameworks on PARCC, are there some pacing guides for the SCD (significant cognitive delay) students like there are in the standards?

Answer: No. Those content frameworks are overall. The Core Content Connectors were developed to show teachers a pathway of how to get from where the student is to standard. We want to make sure, that teachers understand how to use the Connectors. "How does that fit in for our instruction of students with disabilities?" If teachers are aware of that, they can see that and start planning lessons. I think we need to start now.

Nancy Williams: You mentioned core connectors. Is the target next school year that we'll be seeing some core connectors?

Answer: The NCSC Consortium met last week in Phoenix. We had everyone from the 19 states that represent that workgroup here. At this point I'm not going to confirm that that we will be able to roll out all of the Core Content Connectors for reading and math at the beginning of the school year, like previously mentioned. We put in a lot of work up to this point of validating all of the content and we don't want to rush it. There will be another face-to-face meeting in Las Vegas in March.

We hope that some of the materials will come out, but the group is slowing its pace of rolling out the information.

Lisa Aaroe: I looked at the ADE website yesterday. I can only find the math training for common core connectors. Are there going to be more trainings?

Answer: The trainings are listed on the ADE Calendar of Events. Continue to look there under "Exceptional Student Services".

Joan McDonald: There will be a rollout of trainings this summer, fall and next spring. There aren't specific dates set yet.

Nancy Williams: Question for Joan. You spoke of teachers being able to be trained and then train to roll that out. Are those teachers that we'll be hiring on assignment? Are those teachers expecting to miss class time for training and then go statewide? How does that look?

Joan McDonald: We don't know yet. We met last week cross-divisionally on Race to the Top issues. They don't know how they're going to be doing this yet. They don't know if there will be a training fee. The training will include teachers and administrators.

Dr. Gail Jacobs: Are the five regional training centers housed in the county training centers? Who attends those trainings?

Joan McDonald: Yes, county training centers. Any school district or county consortium that's in that geographical area.

One of the plans for Race to the Top is to make training a little bit more local and regional rather than everyone having to come to one place.